Ella Anderson

Dedicated to the homemaker's cause

By FRANCES PAULETTE

The year was 1935, and in all of the counties surrounding Appomattox homemakers were busily engaged in a new endeavor --- it was called Home Demonstration Work. The women loved it! Since Appomattox was the only county in the East Central District that did not have an appropriation for home demonstration work, Miss Maude Wallace, State Home Demonstration Leader, and Miss Sally G. Davis, District Leader for the East Central District began work to do something about it.

Miss Ella Smith, (now Mrs. B. G. Anderson), a home economics teacher in the Tazewell County High School in Tennessee was approached in August of 1935 to see if she would be interested in doing home demonstration work. After her interview at Blacksburg in October of the same year, Miss Smith reported as an agent-in training in Campbell County, actually beginning her work in November of 1935.

Promotional work got underway in Appomattox County to interest the homemakers to work to secure the needed appropriation for an agent in the county. The women of Appomattox County met the challenge, created the interest needed to get things going, and got the job done. On July 1, 1936 Miss Ella Smith became the first home demonstration agent in Appomattox County.

In May of 1936 ten Home Demonstration Clubs were organized in Appomattox County. As interest grew other clubs were formed, some merged with others and some fell by the wayside. Today there are 14 clubs in Appomattox County and interest is growing.

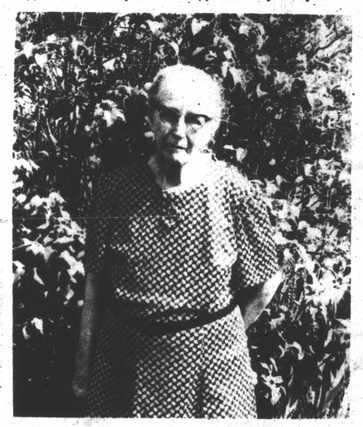
It was no accident that the Home Demonstration Work in Appomattox County made such outstanding progress. Take our own Appomattox County Homemakers, the finest to be found anywhere, add to this a woman who was not only capable but caring. "Miss Ella" has a genuine concern for all of the women of Appomattox County and in her work she sensed their needs and used her talents to help Appomattox County Women reach their full potential.

While enjoying a visit with her the other day she reminded me, "Don't forget to mention when I was married --- that was the best thing that ever happened to me." After working as home demonstration agent for approximately five years in this county Miss Ella Smith became Mrs. Bernard Guthrie Anderson in February of 1941. Mr. Anderson, a prominent dairyman in this county died in April of 1956.

The first week in May the Appomattox County Extension Homemakers celebrate their 44th anniversary. Happily the women of Appomattox County remember their individual and combined accomplishments in home demonstration work --- they remember too, their first leader.

After giving of her energy, time and talent for approximately twenty-five years, Mrs. Anderson moved to Kentucky where she served as home furnishings specialist before returning to Appomattox. Although retired from extension work, she continues to exert a powerful influence as she encourages, and most of all loves the women of Appomattox County. In her work, as she sought to foster the highest ideals in homemaking, she reached out in-service. "Miss Ella" is still reaching out - in service and in love. Thank you, Mrs. Anderson for being a part of Appomattox County---

Mrs. Ella Anderson, to whom this supplement is dedicated, will be leaving Appomattox County sometime during the summer to make her home in Westminister-Canterbury in Lynchburg. Even though "Miss Ella" as she is affectionately known to her wide circle of friends, will no longer be living in Appomattox, she will always be a part of Appomattox County Extension Work. Her dedication to the development of extension work in the county went far beyond the call of duty. Her unselfish devotion to her work and to the women of this county make her an inspiration to all Appomattox homemakers.



Mrs. J. Mott Harvey of Evergreen, known to her many friends as "Mattie Mott" is the oldest member of the Appomattox County Extension Homemakers. She will be 90 years young in September of this year.

Though she lives alone in her home in Evergreen, she doesn't know what it means to me lonely. Once her housework is finished, she busies herself with sewing, crocheting, and visiting with her innumerable friends.

A teacher for many years of the beginner class of the Evergreen Baptist Church, she is never absent from church unless it is due to illness. Her Christian faith and happy, unselfish approach to life make her an inspiration to all who know her.

Congratulations, "Mattie Mott" for all the years of homemaking!

Homemaker's Week Calendar

Sunday - "Togetherness Day" Families attending church together.

Monday - "Getting It Back Together Day" Recover from the weekend.

Tuesday - "Be Kind To A Neighbor Day" Do something nice for someone.

Wednesday - "Ella Anderson Day" Remember the beginning of extension work with homemakers.

Thursday - "Future Homemakers of America Day" Honor the future homemakers of Appomattox County.

Friday - "On Your Mark, Get Set Day" Start getting ready for the weekend.

Saturday - "Home and Family Day" Families working and playing together.

Homemaker's Creed

As Homemakers We Will Strive To:

HAVE OUR ORGANIZATION foster the highest ideals in home, church, school, and public life.

HAVE OUR HOMES reach out in service to the communities and help unite the people.

HAVE COOPERATION AND PROGRESS the leading forces in our communities.

STUDY THE BEST WAYS to do everyday work that we may find joy in common tasks well done.

BE KIND BEYOND THE STANDARDS OF CHARITY: avoid thoughts and words that condemn; be more thoughtful than love requires; maintain the highest ideals of Christian life.

From the Chairman

Message to homemakers

Congratulations, homemakers.

You're a great group of ladies, and all of Appomattox salutes you on this, your week, May 4-10.

As homemakers, you are truly the backbone of the family and community. Your many accomplishments as wife, mother, friend and neighbor have placed you at the top of the list, and behind it all, you'll find the face of a homemaker.

We're very proud of our organization, and of the lovely lady who started it, Mrs. Ella Anderson. She has watched us grow from one to 15 clubs.

Years have passed since our first club was organized, and many new faces have joined our group. With each one comes new ideas that have helped us to grow and flourish within our homes and communities.

This is your week to share with your friends and neighbors some ideas that will enrich their lives. Use the calendar of events (page 2), it is an excellent source of information to start each day.

Again, congratulations, ladies. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Ruby Williamson
County Chairman

Mrs. Ruby Williamson

To The Appomattox County Extension Homemakers - - -

Our Hearty Congratulations!

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